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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTION FOR APPROACH TO PRESIDENT SIAD

I. AMBASSADOR SHOULD REQUEST IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT

WITH PRESIDENT SIAD OR, IN HIS ABSENCE, OTHER APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIAL, TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. US HAS BEEN FOLLOWING OGADEN MILITARY SITUATION. OUR INFORMATION, WHILE NECESSARILY FRAGMENTARY, SUGGESTS THAT SOME SOMALI REGULARS MAY NOT YET BE IN PROCESS OF WITHDRAWAL. INDEED, SOME MAY BE IN DANGER OF BEING TRAPPED BY ADVANCING CUBAN/ETHIOPIAN TROOPS. WE ARE CONTINUING VIGOROUS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO ARRANGE A CEASEFIRE AND OBSERVED WITHDRAWAL AND ARE PRESSING THE ETHIOPIANS, SOVIETS AND CUBANS TO REFRAIN FROM INTERFERING WITH WITHDRAWING SOMALI TROOPS. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS, AS WELL AS THE SAFETY OF THE SOMALI TROOPS, IS OBVIOUSLY GOING TO BE AFFECTED BY THE RAPIDITY OF THE WITHDRAWAL. IF THERE ARE ANY UNITS WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN ORDERED TO WITHDRAW, WE URGE YOU TO ISSUE SUCH ORDERS IMMEDIATELY.

3. WE ARE CONCERNED AS WELL BY GUERRILLA UNITS THAT MAY CHOOSE TO ATTEMPT TO STAY BEHIND. WHILE THESE MAY NOT BE SUBJECT TO DIRECT SOMALI COMMAND, YOUR GOVERNMENT, BEING THEIR SOURCE OF SUPPLY, IS OBVIOUSLY ABLE TO EXERT DECISIVE INFLUENCE ON THEM. CONTINUED GUERRILLA ATTACKS AT THIS TIME DO NOTHING TO ADVANCE INTERESTS OF OGADEN INHABITANTS SINCE SUCH EFFORTS MAY PROVOKE REPRISALS. IN ADDITION, FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO INTERDICT THE ADDIS-DJIBOUTI RAILWAY MAY BRING ABOUT ETHIOPIAN COUNTERMEASURES DIRECTED AGAINST SOMALIA OR DJIBOUTI. NOW IS A MOMENT WHEN ALL PARTIES SHOULD REAFFIRM THEIR RESPECT FOR DJIBOUTI'S INTEGRITY, INDEPENDENCE, AND VITAL INTERESTS, OF WHICH THE RAILWAY IS ONE.

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4. WE HAVE EARLIER OFFERED TO ACCREDIT A MILITARY ATTACHE TO MOGADISCIO. WE ARE READY TO MOVE QUICKLY IN THIS MATTER IF THE GSDR AGREES. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ACCREDITATION OF A PERMANENT ATTACHE NOW WOULD SERVE AS A USEFUL SIGNAL OF WESTERN INTEREST IN PRESERVING THE INTEGRITY OF SOMALIA'S INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BORDERS.

5. AMBASSADOR SHOULD ALSO MAKE CLEAR, EITHER TO SIAD OR AT ANOTHER LEVEL, THAT WE ARE CONCERNED BY GSDR PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH IMPLY THAT QUID PRO QUO FOR SOMALI WITHDRAWAL FROM OGADEN WAS SELF DETERMINATION FOR OGADENI INHABITANTS AND WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES FROM ETHIOPIA. AS GSDR WELL AWARE, ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET AGREED TO ANY CONDITION EXCEPT WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO SOME SORT OF NEGOTIATION FOLLOWING SOMALI

WITHDRAWAL. WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL LEAD TO SOME CONSIDERATION FOR INTERESTS OF THE OGADENI INHABITANTS, BUT WE HAVE NEVER BELIEVED THAT AN AGREEMENT COULD EXTEND TO A FORM OF "SELF DETERMINATION" OUTSIDE ETHIOPIAN SOVEREIGNTY. AT BEST WE HAVE ENVISAGED SOME FORM OF AUTONOMY WITHIN ETHIOPIA.

6. WE ALSO SHARE GSDR'S DESIRE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM ETHIOPIA, AND WE WILL CONTINUE OUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO THIS END, BUT GSDR SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT WE WERE IN NO POSITION, OF COURSE, TO PROMISE FOREIGN TROOP WITHDRAWAL AS A QUID PRO QUO FOR GSDR WITHDRAWAL OF ITS UNITS. VANCE

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